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Rewald Investor Told to Pay in Rape Suit

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A man who invested in Ronald Rewald's bankrupt company and who is now suing the CIA has been ordered by a California judge to pay a woman \$34,500 for allegedly raping her.

Retired chiropractor Ted Frigard was the target of a civil suit in Stockton, Calif., by a woman who said she was raped after she went to him for chiropractic treatment of a neck injury in 1978.

Frigard, who moved to Hawaii in 1979, has become the leader of a group of investors seeking to force the CIA to pay back money they lost to Rewald.

San Joaquin County Superior Court Judge K. Peter Saiers on Monday awarded Karla Kleinsasser \$14,500 for emotional distress and \$20,000 in punitive damages. He said the award would have been higher except that Frigard has "little or no property."

Frigard told the Star-Bulletin he was "stunned" by the ruling and that he is appealing. He denied that he raped Kleinsasser.

FRIGARD, WHO WAS named national Chiropractor of the Year in 1962 and wrote a book on whiplash in 1970, was charged in 1978 with allegedly raping another patient.

Frigard pleaded no contest in 1979 to a misdemeanor charge of battery in the criminal case and was given a suspended sentence and a \$500 fine.

That woman has a \$5 million damage suit pending against Frigard. A suit by a third woman who claimed Frigard tried to kiss her and then hit her was settled out of court for an undisclosed sum in 1983.

The California Board of Chiropractic Examiners revoked Frigard's license in 1979 on grounds of "various sexual acts and erotic behavior with female patients" during a 12-year period, according to a board spokesman.